



Die Mercurii, 19 Ianuarii, 1647.

An ORDINANCE to prohibit the transporting of Wooll, and Fullers - Earth.

BE it Ordained by the Lords and Commons, That it shall not be lawfull for any person or persons to lade, ship, or carry in any Ship, Barge, Boat or other Vessell, or otherwise any wooll of the growth of the Kingdomes of England or Ireland, or Dominion of Wales, or any woollen, yarne, woollen-flox, wooll-fell, Fullers-
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lers=earth, Clay, Tobacco=pipe clay,
 or any other earth or clay which may
 be used in the Art of Fulling, of intent
 to transport, or carry the same into
 any place or places of the parts be-
 yond the Seas, or into the Realme of
 Scotland by Land or by Sea, or to
 carry the same to any Ship, or other
 Vessel whatsoever to be transported,
 upon the paines and forfeitures here-
 after ensuing, that is to say, Upon the
 paine of the forfeiture of the said
 wooll, woollen=parne, woollen=flox,
 wooll=fell. and earth or clay so laden,
 shipped, carryed, or transported, and
 thzee shillings for every pound of such
 wooll, parne, flox, and earth, or clay;
 And for every pound weight of the
 said earth or clay, thzee shillings to be
 forfeited by the Owner or Owners
 thereof; And also the Owner of the
 said Ships or Vessels, knowing of
 such offence, to forfeit all their Inte-
 rest in thz said Ships or Vessels,
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With all their Apparell and furniture
to them and every of them belonging;
And the Master and Mariners,
knowing of such offence, to forfeit all
their goods and chattels, and to have
imprisonment by the space of one
whole yeare without hable or main-
prise. And further, that if any such
wooll, woollen-yarne, woollen-flox,
wooll-fell, or any of the said earth, or
clay, be laid in any place whatsoever
with intention to transport, or that
the same should be transported be-
yond Sea, or with intention to trans-
port or convey the same, or that the
same should be transported or con-
veyed to any other Port or place by
Sea in England or Wales, and shall
not in such case where the same is to
be transported or conveyed by Sea
to any other place in ENGLAND
or WALES, as aforesaid, enter,
or cause to be entered, sufficient Obli-
gation with the Customer and
Comptroller of the Port, to such place

belonging, or as is next unto the
 same, for the true delivery thereof at
 some other place of this Realme ;
 That then the said wools, woollen-
 yarne, woollen-flox, wooll-fels, and
 earth, or clay, and thre shillings for
 every pound weight of the said earth,
 or clay shall be forfeited by the owners
 thereof. And it is further Ordained,
 That if any Merchant, or any other
 person or persons shall transport, or
 cause to be transported, any of the said
 earth, or clay, wooll, woollen-yarne,
 or woollen-flox, or wooll-fels, con-
 trary to the intent of this Ordinance,
 That then he shall be disabled for re-
 quiring any Debt or Accompt of any
 factor or others, for, or concerning
 any Debt or Estate properly belong-
 ing to such Merchant and Offendor,
 to his owne use : And if any Owner of
 the Land where such clay or earth is
 digged or gotten, shall be pryvy unto,
 or knowe of such transportation by
 any person or persons, and shall not

discouer the same unto some Justice
or Justices of the Peace, within
threer months of such his knowledg, he
shall for every such offence forfeit
fibe hundred pounds of lawfull mo-
ney of England: And if such Justice of
Peace to whom such discovery shall
be made, shall not certifie the same un-
der his hand and seale to the Barons
of the Exchequer, or any one of them,
within threer moneths following, he
shall for every such offence forfeit
one hundred pounds of like lawfull
money.

And it is further Ordained, That
all and every Person, Owner, or Oc-
cupier of any grounds where such
earth or clay as aforesaid shall be dig-
ged or taken, or Owner, or Occupier
of such earth or clay, that shall sell or
dispose of the same, shall keep one, or
more Books, wherein he shall enter
from time to time the quantities of
all such clay or earth by him sold, the

name or names of the person,
 or persons to whom such sale
 shall be made, and the place of his
 habitation or abroad, and shall once in
 six moneths give a note in writing of
 all such Fullers earth or clay sold or
 disposed to the Justices of the Peace,
 or any one of them next, or neare ad-
 joyning to the place where such earth
 or clay is, or shall be at the time of the
 sale or disposition thereof on paine to
 forfeit for every hundred weight the
 summe of twenty shillings of lawfull
 money of England for every such neg-
 lect; and that a sufficient Person, of
 the profession of a Clothier, or Fuller
 of the county of Kent, shall by the Ba-
 rons of the Exchequer be appointed
 to keep a Book, of the entries of the
 true quantities of such earth or clay
 measured and received from the Pits
 or Store-houses thereof, and to cer-
 tify such his Booke halfe yearely into
 the Court of Exchequer upon Oath,
 and

and to have such summe or summs of money as the said Committee of the Navy and Customs shall thinke fit, not exceeding six pence for every load, containing twenty two bushells of such earth and clay so received by the Receiver thereof; and that one half or moyty of all the forfeitures before mentioned shall be paid to the Commissioners and Collectors of the Customs for the time being, for the use of the Navy, or to such use as the said Houses of Parliament shall order or appoint, and the other moyety thereof to be to such person, and persons as shall seize or sue for the same by Bill Plaint, or Information in the Court of Exchequer, and the Goods so seized to be by the Seisor from time to time Registered, with the Officer thereunto appointed in the Custome-house of London: And it is further Ordered by the said Lords and Commons That the Barons of the said Court of Exchequer,
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and all other the Officers, and Ministers of the said Court respectively for the time being doe, and shall, and are hereby authorized, and required to receive and proceed to Judgement upon such Bill, Plaint, or Information according to the course of that Court, heretofore used for the recovery of forfeited Goods, for non payment of Tonnage and Poundage when the same were granted by Act of Parliament. And that the Barons of the said Court of Exchequer, his Majesties Atturney, or Solicitor Generall. or any three of them, whereof the said Atturney. or Solicitor Generall to be one, shall, and may compound for the part of the said forfeiture, appointed to the use of the Rarie as aforesaid, and upon such composition made, the said Court of Exchequer to give Judgement for the discharge of such forfeiture against his Majesty; and that any of the Barons of the said Exchequer shall, and may
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give Licence to such Informer, to compound with the Defendant for the said other part of the said forfeiture.

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ORdered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, That no Wooll of the growth of Ireland, be transported in any Ship or Vessell into any parts out of that Kingdome (except into the Kingdome of England and Dominion of Wales) upon any Warrant or pretence whatsoever, upon paine of forfeiture of the said Wools, and that the Commissioners and Officers of the Customs and Ports in that Kingdome, doe take effectuall care, and employ their diligence,

gence, that this Order be duely obser-
ved, and that they be very carefull to
take good security, to the double value
of the Wools shipped; That the trans-
porters will unship and deliver the
said Wools in some Port of the King-
dome of England, or Dominion of
Wales, and that they will not transport
the said Wools into any other part or
place whatsoever, and that they doe
bring Certificate that they have de-
livered the same accordingly; and
that the Governors of the Provinces,
and Commanders in chiefe of the For-
ces in that Kingdome, doe give order
and charge, and take care, That all the
Officers of Ports whom it may con-
serne, doe duely observe this Order.

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